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THE OFFICE OF EC COMMISSION VICE PRESIDENT SIMONET HAS PROVIDED US IN CONFIDENCE A COPY OF A LETTER OF SEPTEMBER 23 FROM SIMONET TO ASSISTANT TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR ARTHUR, I WOULD WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY OF MEETING YOU EITHER IN NEW YORK OR IN WASHINGTON DURING MY FORTHCOMING VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES.

I SHALL BE IN WASHINGTON BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 29 AND OCTOBER 2, AND IN NEW YORK ON OCTOBER 2.

ONE OF MY PREOCCUPATIONS AT THE MOMENT IS THE PROBLEM OF THE SUPPLY OF ENRICHED URANIUM SERVICES TO EUROPEAN UTILITIES WHO NOW ONLY HAVE THE POSSIBILITY OF CONCLUDING CONDITIONAL CONTRACTS WITH USAEC. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THIS PROBLEM COMPLICATING DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE USA AND EUROPE.

I AM ENCLOSING A COPY OF THE LETTER I HAVE SENT TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE USAEC, MISS DIXIE LEE RAY, WHICH EXPLAINS

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THE PROBLEM IN SOME DETAIL.

I AM SURE YOU WOULD AGREE THAT IT IS IN OUR MUTUAL
INTEREST TO AVOID ANY UNFORTUNATE MISUNDERSTANDINGS BETWEEN
TWO PARTNERS AT A TIME WHEN BOTH OF US ARE ENGAGED IN AN
EFFORT TO ARRIVE AT A COORDINATED STANDPOINT ON ENERGY
POLICY.

IN PARTICULAR, I WONDER HOW FRANCE CAN BELIEVE IN THE
WILLINGNESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO COOPERATE IF, IN
PRACTICE, THE U.S. IMPOSES CONDITIONS ON EUROPEAN UTILITIES
UNILATERALLY.

I DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS, BECAUSE THE EUROPEAN
COMMISSION IS REQUIRED TO GIVE INSTRUCTIONS TO THE EURATOM
SUPPLY AGENCY. YOURS SINCERELY, H. SIMONET. END TEXT. MYERSON

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